

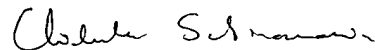
REMARKS

Please ignore the claim selections in the application transmittal letter and instead the applicant cancels claim 1-167, 234-399 & 466-508. Therefore, on entering this amendment, claims 168-233 and 400-465 are pending in this application.

The Applicant regrets the inconvenience caused by the new selection of claims in this divisional application. However, this was necessitated by the USPTO's actions. The Examiner issued a first restriction requirement in the parent application 09/691,053 on March 26, 2001. Based on the claim groupings in this first restriction requirement, the Applicants filed the present divisional application. But on April 8, 2002 and again on August 28, 2002, the Examiner issued two new restriction requirements in the parent case with altogether two new grouping of claims completely ignoring the earlier grouping of claims. The current grouping of claims in the parent application necessitates the Applicants to alter their selection of claims in the present divisional application.

The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account.

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